

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For: IMPLANTABLE VASCULAR DEVICE

Mail Stop - Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**REPLY AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Honorable Sir:

The following comments and amendments are made in response to the final Office Action mailed on January 29, 2007, in respect of the above-entitled application for patent. Entry of this Reply and Amendment is respectfully requested under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.116.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected all pending claims based on art. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116 and in response to the subject Office Action, Applicants herein amend each of the pending independent claims to present the rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal, should an appeal be sought.

Remarks are also provided.

Applicants respectfully request entry of this after-final amendment under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.116 and reconsideration of the application for patent.

**Amendments to the Specification** are not presented in this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** are not presented in this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3.

**Remarks** begin on page 11.